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1. THE ARMENIAN ISSUE WAS THE PREDOMINANT SUBJECT IN APRIL 24  
EDITORIAL COMMENTARY. CONSERVATIVE AND LIBERAL PAPERS ALIKE  
VOICED THEIR OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION.  
THE FOLLOWING IS A SAMPLING OF EDITORIAL REACTIONS:

A. CONSERVATIVE TERUMAN: "TURKS AND ARMENIANS LIVED AS  
BROTHERS IN ANATOLIA AND ONLY BECAME ENEMIES THROUGH THE  
PROVOCATION OF AMERICAN AND BRITISH IMPERIALISTS....AMERICA  
HAS FALLEN UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF THE GREEKS AND THEIR BRIBES,  
AND IN SPITE OF THE WARNINGS OF FORD AND KISSINGER, THE U.S.  
CONGRESS DOES EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO UPSET THE BALANCE IN THE  
MEDITERRANEAN..."

B. CONSERVATIVE DUNYA: "THE U.S. CONGRESS AND THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN PARTICULAR, ARE FOLLOWING A  
POLICY WHICH GOES AGAINST THAT WHICH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT  
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WANTS ... AMERICANS SEEM TO HAVE FORGOTTEN THE MURDER OF

TWO YOUNG TURKISH DIPLOMATS IN THEIR OWN COUNTRY WHEN THEY  
DECLARE THIS DATE ..."

C. SENSATIONALIST HURRIYET: "ON ONE HAND TURKEY IS BEING  
PRESSED TO COME TO THE CONFERENCE TABLE WITH GREECE, AND ON  
THE OTHER HAND, ARMENIANS ARE USED TO BELITTLE THE  
TURKS ... TURKEY HAS NO QUARREL WITH THE ARMENIANS  
BUT THEY ARE BEING PROVOKED INTO ACTION ... TURKEY IS NOT SO  
STUPID AS NOT TO UNDERSTAND WHAT AMERICA AND GREECE ARE UP  
TO ..."

D. LEFTIST CUMHURIYET: "THE U.S. BY THIS TYPE OF PROPAGANDA  
CANNOT GAIN ANYTHING. THIS CAMPAIGN IS NOT THE WORK OF TURKISH  
ARMENIANS, BUT IS INSTIGATED IN PARTICULAR BY RICH ARMENIANS  
IN AMERICA ... THE TIME SHOULD BE PAST WHEN RACIAL AND  
RELIGIOUS DIFFERENCES ARE INCITED..."

2. MILI GAZETE, THE NATIONAL SALVATION PARTY ORGAN, WAS ONLY  
PAPER REFERRING TO ARMENIAN ISSUE ON APRIL 25. THE EDITORIAL  
NOTED THAT FOREIGNERS TRIED TO CREATE DISTURBANCES BY USING  
MINORITIES AND RELIGIOUS SECTS TO UNDERMINE THE OTTOMAN  
EMPIRE AND "NOW TURKEY IS COMING INTO HER OWN AND THE  
WEST IS AFRAID OF THIS AND AGAIN RESORTS TO THE CREATION OF  
INTERNAL QUARRELS."

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